GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MIXING OF CHEAPER AND HIGH QUALITY RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the quantity of cheaper variety of rice to be mixed with high quality rice being sold as Superfine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to the existing norms only 10% cheaper quality of rice can be mixed with the high quality rice for sale;

(d) if so, whether despite opposition he has allowed the millers of Andhra Pradesh to mix the lower quality upto 13%; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c),(d) & (e) : As per uniform specification for Rice for Kharif Marketing Season 1999-2000, admixture of lower class grains in Grade `A` rice has been allowed upto a maximum limit of 10%. However, considering the requests of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Government has allowed procurement of Grade `A` rice with admisture of lower class (common grains) upto a maximum limit of 13%. This is applicable up to 31.3.2000.